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State Parks Announces \$1.4 Million for Major Wildlife Protection Projects

SACRAMENTO – California Department of Parks and Recreation Director Ruth Coleman today announced recommendations for \$1.4 million in funding for 10 local parks projects under the Habitat Conservation Fund Program.

“California is famous for its wild and scenic places,” said Ruth Coleman, director of California State Parks. “This funding enhances habitat and increases public access to beautiful places. These agencies should be congratulated for bringing forth projects that provide quality enhancement for our environment.”

The state-funded program provides funds to cities, counties, and eligible districts through a competitive process. Habitat Conservation Fund funds may be used for the following: to acquire wildlife and plant habitat, wildlife corridors, and urban trails; to enhance or restore wetlands, riparian, or anadromous fish and trout habitat; or, for programs which bring urban residents into park and wildlife areas. The program requires a dollar-for-dollar match.

Under provisions of state law, the program is administered by the Director of the California Department of Parks and Recreation. The Habitat Conservation Fund was first allocated in 1992 and will continue to be allocated through June 2020.

Listed below are the projects recommended for funding:

Tehan Falls Acquisition	East Bay R.P.D.	\$200,000
The East Bay Recreation and Park District will acquire approximately 104 acres adjacent to Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park.		
Lobitos Creek/Irish Ridge Acquisition	Midpeninsula Reg. O.S.D.	\$500,000
The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District will acquire approximately 183 acres along Lobitos Creek and Irish Ridge.		

Trees for Tots	City of Modesto	\$23,000
The City of Modesto will conduct an interpretive program, planting approximately 700 trees in Tuolumne River Regional Park.		
Lion Creek Restoration Phase II -	City of Oakland	\$200,000
The City of Oakland will construct approximately 1,400 feet of trail adjacent to Lion Creek in Coliseum Gardens Park.		
Arroyo Seco Interpretive Program	City of Pasadena	\$70,000
The City of Pasadena will conduct an interpretive program, providing materials, signage, hikes, and work days within Arroyo Seco Park.		
Jacob Meyers Park Program	City of Riverbank	\$8,000
The City of Riverbank will conduct an interpretive program to install 5 signs along approximately one mile of trail in Jacob Myers Park.		
Walnut Grove Park Phase III	City of San Marcos	\$121,000
The City of San Marcos will construct approximately 1,800 feet of trail in Walnut Grove Park.		
Santiago Trail Enhancement	City of Santa Ana	\$100,000
The City of Santa Ana will enhance the Santiago Trailhead on the Santiago Creek Trail.		
Foothill Trail & Habitat Enhancement	County of Santa Barbara	\$50,000
The County of Santa Barbara will improve and establish trails, and install a gate and interpretive signage on a closed landfill on Calle Road.		
Pierson Reach Restoration	City of Santa Rosa	\$150,000
The City of Santa Rosa will restore steelhead trout and Chinook Salmon habitat along 1,900 ft. of Santa Rosa Creek.		

Total	\$1,422,000
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